

### Remarks

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of November 15, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 11-15 and rejected claims 7, 9 and 10.

The Examiner first rejected claim 7 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kurtz, Jr. et al.* '846, in view of *Schroeder et al.* '490, *Esau et al.* '494 and *Smith* '936.

The Examiner next rejected claim 9 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kurtz, Jr. et al.* '846, in view of *Smith* '936, *Schroeder et al.* '490, and *Fleming* '759.

The Examiner next rejected claim 10 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kurtz, Jr. et al.* '846, in view of *Smith* '936, *Schroeder et al.* '490, and *Fleming* '759 as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of *Esau et al.* '494.

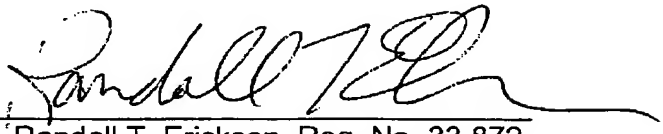
Without conceding to the Examiner's interpretation of these references, Applicant cancels claims 7, 9 and 10, without prejudice.

The Examiner next indicated the claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 11-15 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges this allowance with appreciation. In claims 11, 12, 13 and 15 Applicant amends "hinge bracket" to "hood-mounted bracket" to correct an antecedent basis problem.

Applicant adds new dependent claims 16-20, similar to existing dependent claims and which all depend from allowed claims. No new issues are presented.

Applicant asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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